

REMARKS

As to the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection of claim 2, the extender can be attached to the respective front corner post at any time in the method. It simply clips on to the front corner post regardless of whether the doors or the jambs are in place. This is true because they are independent of the doors, the jambs, and the bottom and top supports since they only connect to the corner post.

The explanation for claim 2 avoids the rejection of claim 3.

As to the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection of claim 5, the plates can be mounted to the door panels at any time during the method as long as it is before the door panels are installed. Claim 5 now recites this.

As to the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, as noted above for claim 5, these plates can be mounted at any time as long as it is before the door panels are installed. Claim 7 is thus consistent with this explanation..

As to the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, the top and bottom supports are recited as being constructed the same as the shelf supports. This has the advantage that when manufacturing the shelf supports, since the top and bottom supports are constructed the same as the shelf supports, such shelf supports can also then be used for the top and bottom supports without the expense of additional tooling.

As to the rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, just like claim 9 the word "constructed" has been added to claim 11 for clarity.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-7, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Maro in view of Keil. Claims 2, 3, and 8 were rejected

under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Maro in view of Keil further in view of Aurora. Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Maro in view of Sanders.

Claim 1 distinguishes over Maro in view of Keil for the following reasons. In Maro, upper vertically-shaped support member 12 and lower vertically-shaped support member 14 are provided. These attach to the corner posts 20 and 22. However, there is no bottom door jamb or top door jamb respectively connecting to the bottom support and the top support. Rather, Maro mounts his doors directly to the top and bottom supports. In the present invention of claim 1, the doors are not mounted on the top and bottom supports. Rather the doors are mounted to the upper and lower door jambs. This has the advantage that the door jambs can be positioned either more inwardly (when an extender is not used) or more outwardly (when an extender is used). See rear holes 41 in Fig. 5B of Applicants' specification used to position the door jamb more outwardly when an extender is used or, see inwardly holes 41 which allow mounting of the door jambs closer in when an extender is not used. Also, by providing door jambs the cabinet which results from the method of the invention of claim 1 has a much more pleasing appearance since as can be seen in Applicants' Fig. 1 when the doors are closed a clean look is provided as opposed to Maro, who doesn't have door jambs but only has the top and bottom supports. Claim 1 thus readily distinguishes.

The secondary reference of Keil was only cited for pivot pins on pivot pin plates and thus does not satisfy the deficiencies of Maro.

Dependent claims 2-9 distinguish at least for the reasons claim 1 distinguishes and also by reciting additional method steps not suggested.

It is particularly noted as to dependent claims 2 and 3 relating to the use of an extender, that the Aurora reference cited by the Examiner does not show an extender anywhere and particularly does not show it in step 3. What is shown in step 3 is a steel clip being pressed over the edge of a post and a flange of the frame so that the frame shown in step 1 is attached. There is no extender. As Applicants' specification explains, the extender can be used for large files which would otherwise hit the doors unless the extenders were in place.

Independent method claim 10 distinguishes in a manner discussed above for claim 1. Dependent claim 11 distinguishes at least for the reasons claim 10 distinguishes and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Allowance of the case is respectfully requested.

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